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17.	X	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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		Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)
19.		Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.
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Vehicle Based Data Collection and Processing System

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Respectfully submitted,

Deborah K. Foots, CLA

Paralegal to Jennifer S. Sickler

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